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JOINT-STATE-DEFENSE-AID MESSAGE

FOR AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

SUBJ: STAFF DEL LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE ASHWORTH VISIT TO KOREA,
THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN

REF: STATE 189415

1. AS YOU WERE INFORMED IN REFTEL, JAMES G. LOWENSTEIN, RICHARD M. MOOSE, AND GEORGE W. ASHWORTH, STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SFRC), WILL BE VISITING KOREA, JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING MILITARY AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS, AS PART OF A THREE-WEEK TRIP BEGINNING OCTOBER 29, 12. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT MR. ASHWORTH WILL LEAVE THE GROUP AT MANILA AND PROCEED ALONE TO BANGKOK AND CANBERRA. THE GROUP WILL BE SPENDING ONE DAY PRIVATELY IN HONG KONG ENROUTE.

2. STAFF DEL HAVE STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WILL

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BE TO BRING UP TO DATE THE SFRC'S INFORMATION CONCERNING US INTERESTS, COMMITMENTS AND PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRIES WHICH THEY WILL BE VISITING. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO MEET WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS REPRESENTING ALL ASPECTS OF US, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRIES THEY VISIT

WE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION BUT ANTICIPATE THAT STAFF DEL WILL PRODUCE A CLASSIFIED REPORT FOR THE FULL COMMITTEE WITH LIKELY PUBLIC RELEASE OF SUCH PORTIONS OF THE REPORT AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGREES TO DECLASSIFY.

3. LETTER FROM SFRC CHAIRMAN FULBRIGHT TO SECRETARY ROGERS (SIMILAR LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO SECRETARY LAIRD, CIA DIRECTOR HELMS AND NSA DIRECTOR GENERAL PHILLIPS) INCLUDES A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE IDENTICAL TO THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT SET FORTH IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL WANT TO TRAVEL TO VARIOUS AREAS IN KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES AND THAT THEY WILL DESIRE APPOINTMENTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY ARE VISITING. STAFF DEL HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY ARE MAKING THIS TRIP ON BEHALF OF THE FULL COMMITTEE RATHER THAN AS A PART OF THE SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE.

4. THE POLICY OF STATE, AID AND DEFENSE IS TO COOPERATE IN ASSISTING THE SFRC STAFF TO PURSUE ITS INVESTIGATION WHICH IS WELL WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONGRESS. WE PLAN TO ADVISE THEM OF THE SENSE OF THIS INSTRUCTION. STAFF MEMBERS LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE WERE FORMERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND MOOSE ALSO WITH NSC STAFF, AND HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH SFRC. STAFF DEL ASHWORTH HAS RECENTLY JOINED THE SFRC STAFF AND WAS PREVIOUSLY A JOURNALIST WITH THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. THEY ARE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGABLE AND WELL PREPARED.

5. STAFF DELS HAVE INDICATED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING: ASSESSMENT OF THREATS TO THE PACIFIC AREA AND INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES CONCERNED, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATIONS, US MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS AND BASES, US/PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS, ECONOMIC SITUATIONS IN KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES, REQUIREMENTS OF KOREAN AND PHILIP-

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PINE MILITARY FORCES, NORTH/SOUTH TALKS IN KOREA, THE KOREAN FIVE-YEAR MODERNIZATION PLAN, KOREAN FORCES IN VIETNAM, PL 480 AND AID PROGRAMS FOR KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES TO INCLUDE US DISASTER RELIEF. THESE SUBJECTS ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN BRIEFINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT, DEFENSE, AID, AND CIA FOR STAFF DEL PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. IN BANGKOK ASHWORTH WILL WISH TO DISCUSS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREAT, MAP STRUCTURE AND COSTS, AND SEATO. IN CANBERRA HE IS INTERESTED IN THREATS TO AUSTRALIA, SEATO AND ANZUS AND AUSTRALIA'S PART IN US OBLIGATIONS IN THE PACIFIC AREA. HE WILL BE BRIEFED BY STATE AND DOD PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

6. ALL THREE OFFICERS CARRY TOP SECRET CLEARANCE AND SHOULD BE GIVEN A FULL AND FRANK EXPOSITION OF THE SITUATIONS AND PROBLEMS IN COUNTRIES CONCERNED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE WHICH HAS GENERALLY APPLIED ON PREVIOUS STAFF DEL TRIPS: (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE DECIDED THAT WITNESSES BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TESTIFY ON (1) NUCLEAR MATTERS INCLUDING DEPLOYMENTS. INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENTS ABROAD AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS THEREOF HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO FULL SFRC. (2) MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS; RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, PAST, PRESENT OR PROPOSED; AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF ANY JOINT INTEGRATED DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS; (3) OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF ONGOING OR PLANNED SENSITIVE OPERATIONS, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH IS LIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE SAFETY OF US OR ALLIED FORCES; (4) SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, MASF, AND MAP PLANS AND PROGRAMS BEYOND THE FY 73 CPD AND BROAD CONCEPTS FOR FY 74. YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOREGOING. (IF QUESTIONED ON THIS SUBJECT FURTHER THAN AUTHORIZED RELEASE! YOU SHOULD SAY ONLY THAT FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MADE ON FY 73 PENDING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND BEYOND THAT TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY PLANNING ONLY HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. THE KOREAN FIVE YEAR PLAN MAY BE TREATED AS AN EXCEPTION TO THIS GUIDANCE.) INFORMATION PROVIDED COMMITTEE STAFF SHOULD BE LIMITED ACCORDINGLY. FURTHER INQUIRIES BY STAFF DEL SHOULD

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BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON. STAFF DEL MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS POSITION PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. (B) IT

7. REQUESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS, OTHER THAN THAT MADE PUBLIC, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR ANSWER. REQUESTS FOR MAP PLANNING DOCUMENTS, PARA DOCUMENTS AND COMPARABLE INTERNAL WORKING PAPERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SHOULD ALSO BE REFERRED PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

8. REQUESTS FOR ANY INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ABOUT WHICH THERE IS ANY DOUBT SHOULD BE REFERRED PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OVER DENIAL OR ACCESS TO SUCH MATERIAL. BUT, IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY ADVISE STAFF DEL YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH DOCUMENTS OF CERTAIN SENSITIVITY PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

9. YOU SHOULD REPORT, ADVISING THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE IN DETAIL, AS TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF, INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, DOCUMENTS TO WHICH

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THEY HAD ACCESS, AND THOSE DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY HAD REQUESTED BUT NOT SEEN. COPIES OF ALL PAPERS PROVIDED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.

10. COMMITTEE STAFF HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY WILL WISH TO SPEAK WITH SOME FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND YOU SHOULD FACILITATE AS APPROPRIATE.

11. ADDRESSEES ADVISE SUBORDINATE POSTS AND COMMANDS AS APPROPRIATE.

12. ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ALL CHANGES IN ITINERARY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND RE-ADJUSTMENT AFTER STAFF DEL ARRIVAL IN SEOUL, MANILA AND TOKYO.

13. MILITARY TRANSPORTATION BEING AUTHORIZED BY SEPTTEL. ROGERS

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